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## RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY, STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AND UNITED STATES NAVY TO EXPEDITIOUSLY IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE RED HILL FUEL STORAGE FACILITY TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, in response to a 2014 fuel tank leak at the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility, the State Legislature established a task force the same year to study the effects of the leak and provide the Legislature with findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the twenty tanks located in the facility are one hundred feet above a major groundwater aquifer that serves as a source of drinking water for thousands of Oahu residents; and

WHEREAS, participating city, state, and federal officials of the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility Task Force noted in the report entitled, "Report to the 28<sup>th</sup> Legislature, State of Hawaii, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 73," (December 2014) that double-lining the large and aging tanks provides one method of preventing future leaks capable of contaminating a major underground aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility Task Force report recommended that the Legislature:

- (1) Encourage the State Department of Health (DOH), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS), and the United States Navy (U.S. Navy) to continue efforts to protect the water and drinking supply of Hawaii, particularly through installation of additional groundwater monitoring wells, increased frequency of all monitoring activities, and sampling of the water supply;
- (2) Encourage the DOH, EPA, BWS, and the U.S. Navy to keep the public informed on matters of public interest regarding the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility; and
- (3) Encourage the DOH, EPA, BWS, and the U.S. Navy to finalize a negotiated agreement for the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility that protects drinking water resources, appropriately responds to the reported release of petroleum, and minimizes the threat of potential future releases;

now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, State Department of Health, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and United States Navy are requested to expeditiously implement the recommendations of the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- (1) The U.S. Navy is urged to consider additional protective measures and tank integrity improvements to reinforce the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility, subject to further research on available technologies and a determination of the best means of successful integration;
- (2) The BWS, DOH, EPA, and U.S. Navy are urged to install additional groundwater monitoring wells and increase the frequency of all monitoring and sampling activities at the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility to enhance petroleum detection in the monitor wells; and
- (3) The DOH, EPA, and U.S. Navy are urged to finalize a negotiated agreement for the Red Hill Fuel Storage Facility that protects drinking water resources, appropriately reports the release of petroleum, and minimizes the threat of potential future releases;

and



**CITY COUNCIL**  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, Commander of the United States Pacific Command, Commander of the United States Pacific Fleet, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, State Director of Health, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply, and Manager and Chief Engineer of the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.

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March 25, 2015  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Councilmembers